[*Translation*]

Cut in Import Licences

6886. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether heavy cut in import licences have been imposed by the Government in the new import-export policy;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the benefit likely to be derived there from?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (c). In terms of the Export and Import Policy for 1992-97, all items other those covered by the Negative List are freely importable. The Licensing has been minimised with a view to facilitating access to imported inputs, thereby promoting the productivity, modernisation and competitiveness of India industry and enhancing its export capabilities.

[*English*]

Reduction in Export of Garments Due to Increase in Floor Price

6888. PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the floor price for export of garments has been increased for the year 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there was reduction in exports of garments to E. E. C. and USA during January and February, 1992 due to increased floor price;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government have received any representations from the garment manufacturers for reduction in floor price; and

(f) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter and to boost the garment exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) and (b). Floor prices for 1992 of fast moving garment items subject to quantitative restrictions have been increased by 5-10% as compared to the floor prices for 1991. However, floor prices for slow moving items subject to quantitative restrictions have not been increased.

(c) and (d). There has been no decline in the value of export of garment items subject to quantitative estrictions in EEC and USA during January-February, 1992.

(e) and (f). Yes, Sir. Government have reduced floor prices in Cat. 27 (skirts) and Cat. 29 (Ensembles) for export to EEC member countries.

Credit Cards Scheme in Banks

6889. SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of nationalised banks which introduced Credit Cards in the country;

(b) the number of Credit Cards of these nationalised banks which were in circulation at the end of December, 1991; and

(c) the details of the loss/profit to the nationalised banks from these Credit Cards during 1990-91 and 1991-92, bank-wise?